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Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center

The Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College opened on July 10, 1995. The completion of this state of the art facility marks the culmination of a project over 35 years in the making. It has a specially designed and constructed oval track that will lend itself to producing national and world class performances. The facilities are designed to serve as a home base for RCC intercollegiate and intramural events and state-wide public high school track meets. The facilities will also provide members of the community opportunities to participate in a broad array of health and fitness activities. RCC welcomes you to the facilities. Whatever your interest may be, we hope you will take full advantage of the choice of activities the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College has to offer.

Over the summer, the following programs were offered:

Youth Tennis Program

This program was offered between July 17-21 and was coordinated by Eddie Davis who has run a number of community based tennis programs in the area. The program serviced youth ages 5-18. The program averaged 100 children a day for the first 4 days. The last day had over 300 children in attendance. Lunch and tee shirts were received by every participant. The event was sponsored by the New England Lawn Tennis Association.

MSTCA

Track and Field Clinic

This program was offered between July 24-28 and was sponsored by the MSTCA.

RCC Basketball Camp

This program was offered between August 7-18 and was run in conjunction with the Department of Athletics. This camp served a number of students from the New Beginning Program which is offered on the campus.

Adult Aerobics Program

This program was offered between July 24-August 31 and was coordinated by Cheryl McDermott. The program was so popular that it had to be expanded weekly. Running a second section in the near future is under seriously consideration in order to accommodate the increasing interest.

Adult Martial Arts Program

This program was offered between July 24-August 31 and was coordinated by Bill Polk. The program as well as the instructor's excellent reputation had attracted a great number of participants.

Starting Fall, 1995, the facilities will offer a variety of programs. Some of the DCE non credit courses are already scheduled and brochures are available through DCE. As RCC undertakes the challenge of operating the facility for the first year, we need your support and we welcome your comments. We look forward to serving you.

News and Updates

Facility Features

Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College is equipped with the following features:

- Administrative Offices
- Athletic Department
- Massachusetts Track Association Administrative Offices
- Indoor Track
- Gymnasium
- Dance Studio
- Multi-Purpose Rooms
- Seminar/Instructional Rooms
- Multi-Purpose Courts for Basketball, Volleyball and Tennis
- Weight and Fitness Room
- Training Rooms
- Shower and Locker Facilities

Accreditation

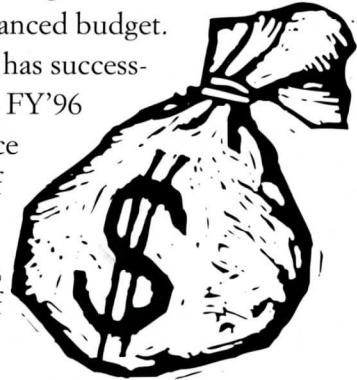
In April, an eight-member team visited the College and conducted a comprehensive evaluation of RCC. In accordance with the procedures of New England Association of Schools and Colleges, our accrediting agency, the Visiting Team developed an evaluation report and the College responded to that Report. The College's Self Study Report, the Visiting Team's Report on a Comprehensive Evaluation and the Institutional Response constitute the complete documentation of the re accreditation for RCC. The final stage of this process is the review by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of all these documents and rendering a decision on the accrediting status of the College. That decision is expected in Fall, 1995.

For your information, the above documents are available in all administrative and academic departments as well as in the library.

Please call 541-5361 for any comments and questions.

Budget

The College is pleased to announce that in spite of the several years of budget deficits in the past, the College ended FY'95 with a balanced budget. The College also has successfully obtained an FY'96 State Maintenance Appropriation of \$7.9 million, an increase over the FY'95 amount of \$7.7 million.



In addition, the College received a \$1 million State Appropriation for the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center for FY'96, as opposed to \$498,000 which was proposed earlier.

In order to more effectively utilize the resources, budget requests from all cost centers have been developed and resource allocations will be made in accordance with the institutional priorities.

Budgeting process for FY'97 will begin in Fall. We urge you to bring your comments and concerns to your cost center managers so that they can be adequately addressed. Comments and questions can be directed to 541-5446.

From RCC Students

Special Insert for Crossing

Viktoriya Galinovskaya is a second year student majoring in social services. She is keenly interested in issues related to immigrants and refugees. While she is continuing at RCC in Fall, 1995, she has also enrolled in the special program Circle for Immigrant and Refugee Community Leadership and Improvement offered in UMass Boston. One of her extra curriculum interests is writing.

To Russia With Love

Suffolk University calls when the Moscow Gogol Theatre arrives. American businessman calls interested in how to get a visa for a business trip to Russia. A visitor from Russia who needs a place to spend several nights calls. Many different organizations and people call Margaret Coleman, the director of Russian American Cultural Center because the RACC is the only place where they can either find information about Russia or network. Margaret or Peggy, as she is called by her friends, tries to help everybody.

"It was very important to me to meet Margaret in April 1994," Larisa Krasovitskaya, an engineer from Kharkov, said. "I was so deeply depressed that I probably could not have survived my adjustment problems without Peggy. She was so friendly and helpful that I began to feel at home." Yuriy Levin, accountant from Moscow, offers his help for Americans to learn Russian. Isyaslav Kligman, a painter from Odessa, who has come to the RACC for three years, brought a logo for the center which he painted.

To meet this unusual woman today you should come to a small, old, and dilapidated house on Tyler Street in Boston's Chinatown. Soon after you ring the bell, a tall, and energetic woman opens the door. Her sincere smile encourages you and you feel like she is your old friend.

Margaret Coleman has been working for over thirty years researching Russian-American economic and cultural relationships, particularly those occurred during the eighteenth and nineteenth century when these countries were important trading partners. "After the Revolutionary War, England became our enemy," Peggy said, "and who was our main trading partner? Americans built the first Russian railroad from Moscow to St. Petersburg. And maybe Americans wrote their

first laws using a Russian goose quill." It's a chapter of American and Russian history that few are familiar with.

When and why did Margaret Coleman become interested in Russia and its connection to America? In 1961, when the first space man, Yury Gagarin, went into orbit, the American government became obsessed with catching up with the Russians. It passed the National Defense Education Act and, at Indiana University, established programs to train nonmilitary Americans to know more about Russia. Peggy, who was an undergraduate at Smith College at that time, became part of the first group sent to Russia.

She visited Russia eight times between 1961 and 1994, when she took part at the International Scientific Conference in St. Petersburg. There she made a speech "Witnessing Russian History in America," and gave \$500 to the Gachina palace.

During her last visit Peggy had opportunity to research naval archives which were heretofore completely closed to any American. "A foreigner's access to the culture is now unbelievable," she said. "I think it is more open society than it ever was."

Margaret's main interest has always been in Russian people and in the history of American-Russian relationships. She became fascinated by documents which she found concerning Russian American trade in the 18th and 19th centuries. "I am very hopeful these countries will continue their trade and cultural connections which have been so useful for both of them," she said. "Here, in Boston, there was a Russian consulate in 1809, and the Russian Summer Consulate was located in Manchester, Mass, where I lived until the beginning of WWI."

The Russian-American connection is confirmed in many archive records some of which prove that Boston was the most involved in trade with Russia. In addition, Peggy has the record of Commander D.S. Vasilief, Naval Attache of the Russian Legation who, in 1910, spent a summer in Manchester, Mass. "I don't want everybody to leave Russia," Peggy said, "I wish it to survive. What I really want to do is to help Russia to get back on its feet."

Viktoriya Galinovskaya

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Remember

They say black and white unite

I don't know if that is right

For little have changed

And the important things have remained the same

I remember being stolen, sold and made a slave

We had no choice, either that or face a grave

We went from Spook, Niger, colored, Negro black

To African-American and back

They called us animals and said we are half human

But, how can that be looked at the white men

Doing anything they can

To be able to rule Jah Land

Whites are the ones who have always stole

From every race, nation, even the young and old

Yet, they defined us blacks as being wicked and bad

Black is the only race that has it so hard

It's unbelievable how one color could rule another

But, it happened to my great-great and others

I mean who the hell do they think they are

Keeping us in chains so we wouldn't get far

(Thank God for the Civil War!)

Along came "Honest Abe"

Signing the papers that allegedly freed the slaves

But, can we truly be free

Struggling in white society?

And they still say, black and white unite

Well, I don't know if it's wrong or right

Blacks beware, be aware and have no fear, stand strong

Remember, please remember that it wasn't that long blacks were hanged!

Michelle Nanton

Business Office

As part of the College's efforts to improve institutional effectiveness, the Business Office has attracted new leadership professionals, a senior manager as the Comptroller and a senior accountant. In consultation with the staff, the new leadership has established immediate work priorities including developing written internal fiscal control procedures for major functions such as cash receipts and disbursements, accounts receivable, purchasing, accounts payable, payroll and inventory. The Office is also enforcing existing fiscal policies and procedures. In addition, the Office will utilize the new computer systems to improve financial reporting of the College.

Currently, the Office is developing the written policies and procedures regarding purchasing. The implementation of these policies and procedures may affect some of the business procedures. The Business Office asks the College community for understanding, support and constructive criticism. All comments and questions will be greatly appreciated and can be directed to the Business Office at Extension 5321. It is the goal of the Business Office of the College to provide a complete line of effective and efficient services once the process is complete.



Computer

The entire campus wiring network installation was completed in the summer. The installation of the College's computer laboratories is newly completed and will be ready for use in the Fall semester. The computer installation for the College's academic, business and administrative offices has begun. In order to provide a better service to all computer users, the Computer Services Department is conducting a computer skills profile and assessment survey. The survey results will assist the development of training programs and schedules. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. While the Computer Services Department is committed to the best service, it also asks for understanding, support and assistance from all of the College constituencies in carrying out this monumental task of bringing on line the state-of-the-art systems. Please direct your comments and questions to 541-5159.

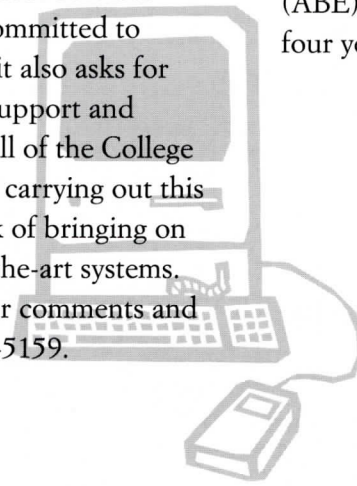
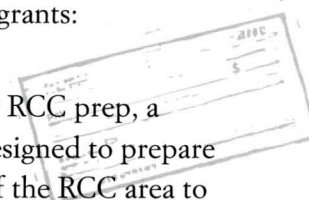
Enrollment

Spring '95, the College enrolled the total headcount of 2,960 students. 2,294 are degree seeking students. By June, the College graduated 127 students. The forecast for the fall enrollment is likely to exceed 3,000 by headcount.

Grants

The College has been awarded the following grants:

- \$73,500 for RCC prep, a program designed to prepare members of the RCC area to simultaneously attain a GED and be able to enroll in college level courses upon admittance to the College.
- \$100,000 RCC environmental Justice Program-Pollution Control, a grant designed to support course development in the environmental technology and to provide training as well.
- \$294,000 for Adult Education (ABE) over the period of the four years.



News and Updates *continued...*

The Center for Science and Technology

The Center for Science and Technology has been established using the funds obtained through the grants. \$63,694 from the Department of Defense is allocated to RCC for Research



Environmental Technology Training. The operation of the Center began as of July 1, 1995 in cooperation with Harvard University, MIT and Tufts University. The Center will perform the primary functions in research on Technology and science program development. The College greatly appreciates the efforts of Professor Ray

Turner and other science faculty to make this Center a reality.

Student Athlete and Support Services

Athletic Department will offer two programs in Fall, 1995 to provide student athlete support services:

Mentoring and "Mind Time".

The Mentoring is a program that will match up student athletes with an individual mentor who will work with the student on various issues plus act as a liaison to other services that the student may need.

The "Mind Time" is a special program which provides space, time and tutorial assistance to RCC student athletes. This program will be offered in the study hall at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center. Please contact Athletic Director John Thomas at 541-4275 for further information.

Personnel Update

Since May, 1995, the following people have joined the RCC family. The College wishes to extend a warm welcome and best wishes in their new positions:

Devon Bennett
Maintainer I

Allin B. Bond
Accounting Manager

Jonathan A. Bruce
Trades Worker

Rodney Clark
Assistant Registrar

Juan Daiz
Trades Worker

Wavel A. Johnson
Maintainer I

William N. Larson
Electrician I

Joseph LaCorne
Maintainer I

Onyekwu Okechukwu
Manager of Operations/
Facilities Department

Nathaniel Pearson
Maintainer I

Daryal H. Penn
Mail Clerk II

William C. Polk
Equipment Manager/RLTAC

William A. Staton
Maintainer I

Thomas C. Sweeney
Comptroller

Edward White, Jr.
Maintainer I

Malcom Wynn
Program Administrator/RLTAC

Since May, 1995, the following individuals have left RCC. The College wishes to extend our gratitude for their service and best wishes for their future career:

Thomas Bausley, Jr.

Alfred Fincher

Kimberly Houghton

Dolly Hwang

Henry Jung

Jeremy Ryan

Faye Sampson-Russell

Donna Terrel

James Yong



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